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## **ALEA's Secretary Issues Statement Concerning Passing of Pelham Police Officer**

**MONTGOMERY** – The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor issued the following statement concerning the loss of Pelham Officer Juan Gomez who tragically passed away on Saturday, Aug. 14, from the Coronavirus. Gomez was hospitalized on Friday, Aug. 6, from symptoms of COVID-19 and later succumbed to the virus Saturday morning.

"On behalf of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Pelham Police Officer Juan Gomez. We join the rest of the law enforcement community in mourning the loss of this true professional and devoted public servant. A dedicated law enforcement veteran, Officer Gomez's courage, sacrifice and devotion to his local community as well as to the entire Sate of Alabama is apparent by the overwhelming care and support already displayed by those he so faithfully served.

In addition to sharing our sincerest condolences, we pledge the continued support and willingness to make available any ALEA resources needed by both the Pelham Police Department as well as the surrounding community as they grieve and cope with this unfortunate situation."